

Board Update Meeting Summary | Friday, October 3, 2014

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Board Actions:

Community Presentation:

General Manager Girish Balachandran presented awards to RPU's Annual Splash Into Cash Art Contest winners. Kirsten Cotton and Berlyn Thornburg, both graduates from North High School were presented with \$250 cash prizes for their winning designs for the RPU water bottle label to be used for one year. Their former teacher Vonn Rosser was also recognized for her efforts in promoting participation in the contest for her students.

Board of Public Utilities approves all items on Consent Calendar without comment as listed below:

- Approval for Work Order No. 1503174 for \$272,304 was given for estimated capital expenditures related to the relocation of electric facilities for the Plaza Substation Expansion project which is part of the Magnolia Plaza Reliability Project.
- The Board recommended that the City Council approve the First Amendment to the Well Relocation Agreement between Riverside Public Utilities and OSR Development related to relocation of Raub 4 and 5 Wells which should be complete by November 2015.
- Approval was given for the capital expenditure of \$62,000 for Work Order No. 1305507 for the Warren Wells Blow-Off Modification Project which will assist with wasting less water in the start-up process and will enable remote operation.
- The Board approved the Annual Resource Adequacy Plan for 2015 and the filing of the plan to comply with the California Independent System Operator tariff requirements. This plan is assurance that RPU has planned for procurement of adequate power resources for the next year as well as additional supply held in reserve in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Board approves Circuit 1219 Feeder Loop Project

Assistant General Manager, Pat Hohl provided background and explanation for approval of Work Order No. 11420551 for \$692,965. Circuit 1219 has been identified as problematic because it is located on the edge of the city limits and there are limited switching capabilities when an outage occurs. Conduits and switching upgrades will help make the circuit that is fed from the La Colina Substation up toward Fair Isle Drive and Raceway Ford more reliable.

Board approves purchase of 69Kv circuit breakers for the Freeman Substation Breaker Replacement Project

Assistant General Manager, Pat Hohl explained the need to eliminate aging oil and gas filled switches at the Freeman Substation that are hard to maintain. The Board approved the award of Work Order No. 1504019 in the amount of \$251,121.60 to McAvoy & Markham Engineering and Sales Co. for the replacement of five 69 kV circuit breakers and associated equipment to be purchased at 2009 pricing levels.

Board approves construction of the Jasmine and Columbus 12-inch Water Distribution Main Replacement Project

Assistant General Manager, Kevin Milligan asked for approval to replace 1,300 linear feet of 4 and 6 inch pipes that are undersized, and determined to be high priority leaky mains in the industrial area of the North Arlanza neighborhood. As part of the ongoing water main replacement program 12-inch ductile steel pipes will replace asbestos cement and cast iron pipes installed in the 1950's. Work Order No. 1507007 for \$679,000 was approved to complete the project utilizing field forces and the contractor's panel if necessary.

Board approves construction of the Wohlstetter and Cook Water Main Replacement Project

Assistant General Manager, Kevin Milligan explained the need for water main replacement of 3,790 linear feet of existing pipeline of varying sizes and materials installed between 1947 and 1965 with 8-inch ductile steel pipe. Work Order No. 1422199 was approved for \$1,136,000 for work to be performed by RPU Field Forces. Work will be scheduled around traffic impacts related to Foothill Elementary and Wells Middle School.

Board received Integrated Water Management Plan Update and approved the First Amendment to Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc.

Assistant General Manager, Kevin Milligan provided a detailed presentation of the current scope of work related to the development of the Integrated Water Management Plan created with the assistance of Carollo Engineers, Inc. The general intention of the plan is to find ways to plan for capturing water to offset a projected 33,000 acre foot water deficit by the year 2035. He explained several projects that have been identified to offset the project shortage. The board agreed to extend the term of the contract with Carollo Engineers, Inc. through December 2015. The additional contract time will be used to shift focus from the original project goal of developing Environmental Impact Reports for projects (which can be done much later) to instead concentrate efforts on developing a new Climate Change Section, an Integrated Urban Water Management Section, finalizing the report for the 10 year Capital Improvement plan, finalizing the Integrated Water Management Plan and completing the design for the Magnolia Storm Run Off Capture Project.

Board recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution in support of Proposition 1 – the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

General Manager Girish Balachandran asked for the recommendation on behalf of our agricultural and other stakeholders in order for RPU to be eligible for project funding that will be available if Proposition 1, the \$7.5 billion water bond vote passes on November 4, 2014.

General Manager's Report:

General Manager Girish Balachandran explained how we managed the demand during the very big heat wave experienced on September 15-16, 2014, where we reached all-time system peaks of 610MW and 612MW respectively. He stated that three of the four generation units at the Riverside Energy Resource Center were put into service. We are also prepared to meet the demand for the heat wave expected over the weekend of October 4-5, 2014.

Board requests for future updates:

SONGS Update

RTRP Update

Springbrook/Box Springs Water Projects Update